1988-89. The figures of total amount spent so far is not available.

**Construction of Airstrip in Bhilwara**

645. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) by when the construction of airstrip in Bhilwara will be completed and Vayudoot services made available to the people; and

(b) what are the names of the cities proposed to be linked with Bhilwara by Vayudoot services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Airports Authority, at present, does not have any plan for construction of an airstrip in Bhilwara. This station is not included in the list of stations approved for airlinking by Vayudoot.

**Unsafe Railway Bridges in Rajasthan**

646. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Railway bridges in Rajasthan which are are at present not safe for Railway traffic;

(b) whether there are many bridges in Rajastran which are without side railings;

(c) whether any accidents have been caused due to weak railway bridges in Rajasthan during the last three years and if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) the frequency at which the railway bridges are inspected;

(e) what are the steps taken to repair, renovate and provide side railings on railway bridges in Rajasthan; and

(f) the amount earmarked separately for repair of bridges and renewal of tracks falling in Rajasthan during the last three years; year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) None, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Annual.

(e) All the railway bridges are inspected annually and repairs, as found necessary, are carried out. However, bridges having any special problem are inspected at closer intervals, as warranted. Bridges showing signs of distress are rebuilt or rehabilitated by carrying out special repairs, on a programmed basis. Side railings are not provided except on bridges having foot-paths for pedestrians or road-decking for vehicular traffic.

(f) Such information is maintained only Railway-wise and not State-wise.

**Construction of Railway Bridges in Rajasthan**

647. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the No. of over-bridges and under-bridges being constructed by the Railways in Rajasthan and the number of bridges out of them for which full cost of construction is being borne by the Railways;

(b) the number of over-bridges being constructed jointly by the State Government and the Railways and the percentage of cost being shared by each; and

(c) the places where construction of bridges was planned by the Railways during the last three years and the progress made in the construction thereof so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HABIR PRASAD): (a) The number of road-over/under bridges at pdesent under construction in Rajasthan is 11. The full cost of construction is being borne by the Railways in respect of 8 bridges only.

(b) 3 road-over bridges are under construction jointly by the State Government and the Railways, who share the cost thereof approximately on 50 : 50 basis.

(c) A statement is attached.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Details of work/location | Progress |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Road-over-bridge at Bais Godam . . . . . | Plans/estimate under finalisation. |
| 2 | Road-over-bridge between Dara and Gopal Road . | 30% |
| 3 | Road-over-bridge between Sevar and Bharatpur . | Plans finalised Estimate under finalisation. |
| 4 | Road-under-bridge at Kota Yard . . . . . | Plans/estimate under finalisation. |
| 5 | Road-over-bridge near Bundi . . . . . | 70% |
| 6 | Road-over-bridge in Bassi-Nagri Section at Km. 141.65 . . . . . | 100% |
| 7 | Road-over-bridge in Nagri-Chanderia Section at Km. 155.89 . . . . . | 90% |
| 8 | Road-under-bridge in Nagri-Chanderia Section at Km. 152.36 . . . . . | 100% |
| 9 | Road-under-bridge between Barundani and Parsoli Stations. . . . . | 100% |
| 10 | Road-under-bridge between Bassi and Chanderia Stations. . . . . | 100% |
| 11 | Road-over-bridge at Bikaner (Rathi Bazar Road) . | The work is scheduled to be taken up shortly. |

**Difficulties of Haj Pilgrims**

648. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by Hajis during the Haj season of 1988;

(b) whether the Indian Goodwill Delegation of Haj for the year 1988 has submitted a comprehensive report to Government about these difficulties and the remedial measures that should be taken by Government in time to obviate these difficulties in future; if so, whether Government have taken a decision thereon; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Haj policy for the Haj season 1989 has been formulated; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. The suggestions/recommendations made by the Haj Goodwill delegation for 1988 are being examined by Government.

(c) The Central Haj Committee met on November 7, 1988 at Bombay to finalise the Action Plan for Haj 1989 on the basis of a draft Action Plan submitted by our Mission at Jeddah. Decisions taken by the Central Haj Committee are yet to be communicated to Government.

**Inadequate Seats for the Delhi-Srinagar Fight and Vice-versa**

649. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the lack of seats in aircrafts on Delhi/Srinagar and Jammu/Srinagar sectors;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to rains in July and in September, 1988, Jammu/